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DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT BETANCOURT AT
5 P. M. AND HE CALLED IN MINISTERS FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
INTERIOR AND DEFENSE FOR CONVERSATION IN WHICH HE LAID OUT
INTERNATIONAL LINE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF US POSITION. HE
EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND STATED
HE WOULD MAKE SUPPORTING SPEECH TO NATION WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
HE APPEARED RELIEVED AT NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S POSITION
AS HE EVIDENTLY FEARED ANNOUNCEMENT UNILATERAL US ACTION.
IN MY PRESENCE PRESIDENT: (A) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SOSA
AT UN AND INSTRUCTED HIM SUPPORT AMBASSADOR STEVENSON
FULLY AND MAKE SPEECH OUTLINING VENEZUELAS TRADITIONAL
POLICY TOWARDS CUBA AND UNDERSCORING THREAT TO HEMISPHERE.
HAVE SENT FOREIGN MINISTER TEXT PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

(B) INSTRUCTED THAT VENEZUELAS OAS REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORT
US POSITION RE ACTION UNDER ARTICLE SIX AND EIGHT RIO
TREATY. SAID HE MIGHT SEND FOREIGN MINISTER BACK TO
WASHINGTON TO HANDLE SITUATION.

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PRESIDENTS MEASURES FOR INTERNAL SECURITY IN NEXT FOLLOWING
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